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PROTRACTIVE, *adj.* [from *protract*.] Dilatory; delaying; spinning to length.
Our works are nought else
But the *protractiv* trials of great Jove;
To find perflitive constancy in men.
He suffer'd their *protractiv* arts,
And strove by mildness to reduce their hearts.
PROTREPTICAL, *adj.* [from *protreptikos*.] Hortatory; suatory.
The means used are partly didactical and *protreptical*; demonstrating the truths of the gospel, and then urging the professors to be steadfast in the faith, and beware of infidelity.
PROTRUDE, *v. a.* [from *protrudo*, Lat.] To thrust forward.
When the stomach has performed its office upon the food, it *protrudes* it into the guts, by whose peristaltick motion it is gently conveyed along.
They were not left, upon the sea's being *protruded* forwards, and constrained to fall off from certain coasts by the mud or earth, which is discharged into it by rivers.
By slow degrees,
High as the hills *protrude* the swelling vales.
His left arm extended, and fore finger *protruded*.
PROTRUDE, *v. n.* To thrust itself forward.
If the spirits be not merely detain'd, but *protrude* a little, and that motion be confus'd, there followeth putrefaction.
PROTRUSION, *n. f.* [from *protrusio*, Lat.] The act of thrusting forward; thrust; push.
To conceive this in bodies inflexible, and without all *protrusion* of parts, were to expect a race from Hercules his pillars.
One can have the idea of one body moved, whilst others are at rest; then the place, it deserted, gives us the idea of pure space without solidity, whereinto another body may enter, without either resistance or *protrusion* of any thing.
PROTUBERANCE, *n. f.* [from *protuberans*, Lat.] Something swelling above the rest; prominence; tumour.
If the world were eternal, by the continual fall and wearing of waters, all the *protuberances* of the earth would infinite ages since have been levelled, and the superficies of the earth rendered plain.
Mountains seem but so many wens and unnatural *protuberances* upon the face of the earth.
PROTUBERANT, *adj.* [from *protuberans*.] Swelling; prominent.
One man's eyes are more *protuberant* and swelling out, another's more sunk and depressed.
Though the eye seems round, in reality the iris is *protuberant* above the white, else the eye could not have admitted a whole hemisphere at one view.
PROTUBERATE, *v. n.* [from *protuberans*, Lat.] To swell forward; to swell out beyond the parts adjacent.
If the navel *protuberates*, make a small puncture with a lancet through the skin, and the waters will be voided without any danger of a hernia succeeding.
PROUD, *adj.* [from *probo* or *probo*, Lat.]
1. The *proudest* admirer of his own parts might find it useful to consult with others, though of inferior capacity.
2. Elated; valuing himself. With of before the object.
Fortune, that with malicious joy,
Does man her slave oppress,
Proud of her office to destroy,
Is seldom pleas'd to bless.
In vain of pompous chaffity you're proud,
Virtue's adultery of the tongue, when loud.
High as the mother of the gods in place,
And proud, like her, of an immortal race.
3. Arrogant; haughty; impatient.
The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
A foe so proud will not the weaker seek.
4. Daring; presumptuous.
By his understanding he smiteth through the proud.
The blood foretold the giant's fall,
By this proud Palmer's hand.
The proud attempt thou hast repell'd.
Proud Sparta with their wheels rebounds.
5. Lofly of men; grand of person.
He like a proud steed rein'd, went haughty on.
6. Grand; lofty; splendid; magnificent.
So much is true, that the said country of Atlantis, as well as that of Peru, then called Coya, as that of Mexico, then named Tyrambel, were mighty and proud kingdoms in arms, shipping and riches.
City and great feat.
Storms of stones from the proud temple's height
Pour down, and on our batter'd helms alight.
The palace built by Pegasus and proud,
Supported by a hundred pillars.
7. Ostentatious; specious; grand.
I better brook the loss of brittle life,
Than those proud titles thou hast won of me.

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8. Salacious; eager for the male.
That camphire begets in men an impotency unto venery, observation will hardly confirm, and we have found it fail in cocks and hens, which was a more favourable trial than that of Scaliger, when he gave it unto a bitch that was proud.
9. [Pyrexia, Sax. is swelling.] Fungous; exuberant.
When the vessels are too lax, and do not sufficiently resist the influx of the liquid, that begets a fungus or proud flesh.
This eminence is composed of little points, called fungus or proud flesh.
PROUDLY, *adv.* [from *provid*.] Arrogantly; ostentatiously; in a proud manner.
He bears himself more proudly
Even to my person, than I thought he would.
Between her white wings mantling proudly rows.
Ancus follows with a tawny air;
But vain within, and proudly popular.
Proudly he marches on, and void of fear;
Vain insolence.
PROVE, *v. a.* [from *probo*, Lat. *proverbo*, Fr.]
1. To evince; to show by argument or testimony.
Let the trumpet found,
If none appear to prove upon thy person
Thy heinous, manifest, and many treasons,
There is my pledge; I'll prove it on thy heart.
So both their deeds compar'd this day shall prove.
Smile on me, and I will prove,
Wonder is shorter liv'd than love.
If it prove any thing, it can only prove against our author, that the assignment of dominion to the eldest is not by divine institution.
In spite of Luther's declaration, he will prove the tenet upon him.
2. To try; to bring to the test.
Wilt thou thy idle rage by reason prove?
Or speak those thoughts, which have no power to move?
Thy overpraising leaves in doubt
The virtue of that fruit, in thee first prov'd.
3. To experience.
Delay not the present, but
Filling the air with swords advanc'd, and darts,
We prove this very hour.
Could sense make Marius fit unbound, and prove
The cruel lancing of the knotty gout.
Well I defy'd Evadne's scorn to prove,
That to ambition sacrific'd my love.
Let him in arms the pow'r of Turnus prove,
And learn to learn whom he disdains to love.
TO PROVE, *v. n.*
1. To make trial.
Children prove, whether they can rub upon the breast with one hand, and pat upon the forehead with another.
The fons prepare
Meeting like winds broke loose upon the main,
To prove by arms whose fate it was to reign.
2. To be found by experience.
Prove true, imagination; oh, prove true,
That I, dear brother, be now ta'en for you.
All esculent and garden herbs, set upon the tops of hills,
Will prove more medicinal, though less esculent.
3. To succeed.
If the experiment proved not, it might be pretended, that the beasts were not killed in the due time.
4. To be found in the event.
The fair blossom hangs the head
Sideways, as on a dying bed,
And those pearls of dew she wears,
Prove to be prefiguring tears.
The beauties which adorn'd that age,
The shining subjects of his rage;
Hoping they should immortal prove,
Rewarded with success in love.
When the inflammation ends in a gangrene, the case proves mortal.
Property, you see it alter,
Or in a mortgage prove a lawyer's share,
Or in a jointure vanish from the heir.
PROVEABLE, *adj.* [from *probo*.] That may be proved.
PROVEDITOR, *n. f.* [from *providitor*, Italian.] One who undertakes to procure supplies for an army.
The Jews, in those ages, had the office of *provedores*.
PROVENDER, *n. f.* [from *providens*, Dutch; *providens*, Fr.] Dry food for brutes; hay and corn.
Good provender labouring horses would have.
I do appoint him store of provender;
It is a creature that I teach to fight.
Many a duteous and knee-crooking knave
Wears out his time, much like his master's ass,
For nought but provender.

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Whene'er he chanc'd his hands to lay
On magazines of corn or hay,
Gold ready coin'd appear'd, instead
Of poultry provender and bread.
For a fortnight before you kill them, fed them with hay or other provender.
PROVERB, *n. f.* [from *proverbe*, Fr. *proverbium*, Lat.]
1. A short sentence frequently repeated by the people; a saw; an adage.
The sum of his whole book of *proverbs* is an exhortation to the study of this practical wisdom.
It is in praise and commendation of men, as it is in gettings and gains; for the *proverb* is true, that light gains make heavy purses; for light gains come thick, whereas great come but now and then.
The Italian *proverb* says of the Genoese, that they have a sea without fish, land without trees, and men without faith.
2. A word, name or observation commonly received or uttered.
Thou hast delivered us for a spoil, and a *proverb* of reproach.
TO PROVIDE, *v. a.* [from the noun.] Not a good word.
1. To mention in a proverb.
Am I not sung and *proverb'd* for a fool
In every street; do they not say, how well
Are come upon him his gains?
2. To provide with a proverb.
Let wantons, light of heart,
Tickle the senseless ruffles with their heels:
For I am *proverb'd* with a grandfire phrase;
I'll be a candle-holder and look on.
PROVERBIAL, *adj.* [from *proverbial*, Fr. from *proverb*.]
1. Mentioned in a proverb.
In case of excesses, I take the German *proverbial* cure, by a hair of the lame beast, to be the worst in the world; and the best, the monks diet, to eat till you are sick, and fast till you are well again.
Delpis'd and curs'd Leontius must descend
Through hissing ages, a *proverbial* coward.
2. Resembling a proverb; suitable to a proverb.
This river's head being unknown, and drawn to a *proverbial* obscurity, the opinion thereof became without bounds.
3. Comprised in a proverb.
Moral sentences and *proverbial* speeches are numerous in this poet.
PROVERBIALLY, *adv.* [from *proverbial*.] In a proverb.
It is *proverbially* said, *fornice sua bilis inest, habet & musca splenem*; whereas these parts anatomy hath not discovered in insects.
TO PROVIDE, *v. a.* [from *providens*, Lat.]
1. To procure beforehand; to get ready; to prepare.
God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering.
Provide out of all able men that fear God.
He happier feat provides for us.
2. To furnish; to supply. With of or with before the thing provided.
Part incentive reed
Provide, pernicious with one touch to fire.
To make experiments of gold, be provided of a conservatory of snow, a good large vault under ground, and a deep well.
The king forthwith provides him of a guard,
A thousand archers daily to attend.
If I have really drawn a portrait to the knees, let some better artist provide himself of a deeper canvas, and taking these hints, let the figure on its legs, and finish it.
He went,
With large expence and with a pompous train
Provided, as to visit France or Spain.
An earth well provided of all requisite things for an habitable world.
Rome, by the care of the magistrates, was well provided with corn.
When the monasteries were granted away, the parishes were left destitute, or very meanly provided of any maintenance for a pastor.
They were of good birth, and such who, although inheriting good estates, yet happened to be well educated, and provided with learning.
3. To stipulate.
4. To provide against. To take measures for counteraacting or escaping any ill.
Sagacity of brutes in defending themselves, providing against the inclemency of the weather, and care for their young.
Some men, instructed by the lab'ring ant,
Provide against th' extremities of want.
Fraudulent practices were provided against by laws.
5. To provide for. To take care of beforehand.
States, which will continue, are above all things to uphold the reverend regard of religion, and to provide for the same by all means.
He hath intent, his wonted followers
Shall all be very well provided for.

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A provident man provides for the future.
My arbitrary bounty's undeny'd;
I give reverfions, and for heirs provide.
He will have many dependents, whose wants he cannot provide for.
PROVIDED that. [This has the form of an adverbial expression, and the French number *pourvu que* among their conjunctions; it is however the participle of the verb *providere*, used as the Latin, *audita hac feri*.] Upon these terms; this stipulation being made.
If I come off, the your jewel, this your jewel, and my gold are yours; provided I have your commendation for my more free entertainment.
I take your offer, and will live with you;
Provided that you do no outrages.
Provided that he set up his resolution, not to let himself down below the dignity of a wife man.
PROVIDENCE, *n. f.* [from *providencia*, Lat.]
1. Foresight; timely care; forecast; the act of providing.
The only people, which as by their justice and *providence* give neither cause nor hope to their neighbours to annoy them, so are they not stirred with false praise to trouble others quiet.
Providence for war is the best prevention of it.
An established character spreads the influence of such as move in a high sphere, on all around; it reaches farther than their own care and *providence* can do.
2. The care of God over created beings; divine superintendence.
This appointeth unto them their kinds of working, the disposition whereof, in the purity of God's own knowledge, is rightly termed *providence*.
Is it not an evident sign of his wonderful *providence* over us, when that food of eternal life, upon the utter want whereof our endless destruction ensueth, is prepared and always set in such a readiness.
Eternal *providence* exceeding thought,
Where none appears can make herself away.
Providence is an intellectual knowledge, both foreseeing, caring for, and ordering all things, and doth not only behold all past, all present, and all to come; but is the cause of their so being, which prescience is not.
The world was all before them, where to chuse
Their place of rest, and *providence* their guide.
They could not move me from my settled faith in God and his *providence*.
3. Prudence; frugality; reasonable and moderate care of expence.
By thrift my sinking fortune to repair,
Though late, yet is at last become my care;
My heart shall be my own, my vast expence
Reduc'd to bounds, by timely *providence*.
PROVIDENT, *adj.* [from *providens*, Lat.] Forecaking; cautious; prudent with respect to futurity.
I saw your brother
Most provident in peril, bind himself
To a strong mast that liv'd upon the sea.
We ourselves account such a man for *provident*, as remembering things past, and observing things present, can, by judgment, and comparing the one with the other, provide for the future.
First erect
The parsimonious emmet, *provident*
Of future.
Orange, with youth, experience has,
In action young, in council old;
Orange is what Augustus was,
Brave, wary, *provident* and bold.
A very prosperous people, hushed with great successes, are seldom so pious, so humble, so just, or so *provident*, as to perpetuate their happiness.
PROVIDENTIAL, *adj.* [from *providencia*.] Effected by providence; referrible to providence.
What a confusion would it bring upon mankind, if those, unsatisfied with the *providential* distribution of heats and colds, might take the government into their own hands.
The lilies grow, and the ravens are fed, according to the course of nature, and yet they are made arguments of providence, nor are these things less *providential*, because regular.
The scorched earth, were it not for this remarkably *providential* contrivance of things, would have been uninhabitable.
This thin, this soft contexture of the air,
Shows the wise author's *providential* care.
PROVIDENTIALLY, *adv.* [from *providential*.] By the care of providence.
Every animal is *providentially* directed to the use of its proper weapons.
It happened very *providentially* to the honour of the christian religion, that it did not take its rise in the dark illiterate ages of the world, but at a time when arts and sciences were at their height.